

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 9th JUNE 2025
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 16th JUNE 2025**

Question

“For each of the following projects, will the Minister state the estimated budget and timeline for delivery and detail how the funding for each one has been profiled –

- (a) the new St. Helier youth centre;
- (b) the new school at Gas Place; and
- (c) Le Squez Community Centre?”

Answer

St Helier Youth Centre

At this stage, it is not possible to profile the spend for this project until we know we have planning approval, and a building contract is in place. It would also not be appropriate to provide the current budget for this project, as this is commercially sensitive and could otherwise put the States at a disadvantage.

A Planning Application was submitted on 17th April 2025 for the Town Youth Centre, and a target date for the planning decision is 28th July 2025. If the planning application is approved, officers from CYPES and Jersey Property Holdings, in partnership with the developer, will undertake work on the Building Control application, and subsequent work on purchase of the site.

If planning approval is agreed in July 2025, it is estimated that the completion of the new Youth Centre could be in the summer of 2028. Should planning approval not be granted, then further discussions will need to take place.

New School at Gas Place

The Gas Place site is in the process of being acquired, with the intention of constructing a new school. This would allow some existing schools in St Helier and St Saviour, currently operating in challenging premises, to offer modern facilities, and also allow the provision of a new facility for some of the Island’s most vulnerable children. The budget and timeline for this project depend first on acquisition of the site.

Le Squez Youth Centre

At present, we do not have an estimated budget or timeline for delivery. As per previous questions on this subject, the Le Squez Youth Centre project has been postponed until 2028. The current facility is safe and still able to provide a service for the children and young people in the area, so there is still work to be done to establish the required scoping costs for this project.

The Minister for Children and Families and I will ensure that the sequencing of any development is carried out in such a way that we continue to maintain the existing youth facility in the Le Squez area, while projects that serve the north of Town are being developed.